

26 July 2022



***“He will cover you with his feathers
and under his wings you will find refuge”
Psalm 91***

Dear Everyone: I do hope you are all a little cooler and those who have been unwell are feeling better, although I must say Covid takes some getting over even after a negative test result. Thank you so much for all your good wishes and prayers. I know all of us who have been unwell with Covid are profoundly grateful for your kind thoughts. WhatsApp has proved itself to be a good vehicle for communication and keeping in touch.

The newsletter is going to have a summer break now, as for many it is holiday time, and it feels right to give it a rest. It will resume at the beginning of September. Thank you for the many kind comments about it and contributions. It has been a pleasure to put it all together with Jennifer. I thought, as this is the last one for a few weeks, I would end with some of the very positive events and happenings that have taken place in our church community, to encourage us and look back on what we have been involved in.

Post-Covid, we have started picking up the reins of church life again and working towards the future with many plans. As a result, we have:

- **A Church Action Plan** which is comprehensive, showing the way forward and identifying many different ways in which we will work to develop church and community life;
- **The Website** has been developed by Kamran so that people linking into it can see what we believe, are about and what we are doing. It is so much better, brighter, and easier to find a way around;
- **The Toddler group** has resumed every Tuesday under Jennifer’s guidance and support from members of our congregation. Numbers are growing and children are obviously enjoying themselves as well as their parents/carers who bring them. We do however need more helpers as numbers grow. If anyone would like to help this group let Jennifer know by ringing the parish office; 020 8455 1873;
- **The Soup Kitchen** which Nehar started, with helpers, is taking place in church every Tuesday at 7.00pm. (Article below) Like the Toddler group its numbers will grow as word gets round. There is a great need for this as there are increasing numbers of hungry people who we see in shop doorways along the High Street;
- **Food Bank Contributions**, because of the generous monetary and food donations from members of the congregation, we were able to supply provisions to three local food banks, for which they sent their thanks. The Colindale foodbank told us that the

rise in need had been very great over the past few months as families found it hard to cope.

- **Bring-and-Share lunches** at the end-of-each-month have started again and are proving a great success. This coming Sunday It is going to be a **Filipino lunch - no bring and share needed** (article below). The Filipino members of our congregation will be catering and there will be Filipino music during our service. This is something to look forward to and enjoy - we thank them in advance;
- **The Choir** has started up again which makes a big difference to the Services. Thanks so much to Geoffrey and all those who come early to practice and give body to our own singing;
- **Zoom and all Technical Work** has been carried out all over lock downs and onward by Tony and now his team of Shaniv and Thomas have kept it up and running for which, we are truly thankful. It is so good to see the younger members of our congregation, Elizabeth and Thomas helping out with this. While Thomas and Tony were multi-tasking last Sunday, by singing in the choir and managing the audio desk, Elizabeth took control so that all was well, and we had continuity. Many thanks to them all;
- **The Senior Circle** run by Sheila will begin again in September;
- **South Asian Monthly Community Service**, reaching out to the South Asian Community took place last Sunday at 4.00pm The Service will primarily, but not exclusively, draw people from local Pakistani and Indian communities within the parish and beyond. This service will be offered in a variety of languages including Urdu, Punjabi, Hindi, and English, as well as a variety of Eastern and Western musical styles;
- **Alyth Synagogue Partnership** continues and will do so in the Autumn when the Night Sleepers project starts again;
- **Together in Barnet Summer Social** was held in the grounds of the church in July. Our partnership with TiB will continue throughout the year.
- **Eco Church Membership and Aims** will now pick up. We will be working towards a Silver Award. In the light of the climate emergency that struck home with some force last week, destroying homes and grassland, it is all our responsibility to take it seriously and do our bit towards meeting this dire challenge. Jenny who is taking this on would welcome a team of church members to take this forward. **The London Diocese has a Climate Action Programme for all Churches** which commits us to reduce the energy use and carbon footprint of all its buildings and properties to cut the emissions of our churches across the Diocese to **net zero by 2030**. The Action Plan Programme can be found by going to: www.london.anglican.org.com

I hope that I have not left anything out, but to say a big **Thank You** to everyone who has contributed in so many valuable ways of welcoming and supporting each other and our aims so well.

Tony's sermon is below. This is the first time we have had contributions from a sister and brother, Elizabeth, and Thomas. Elizabeth on her end-of-term play, the favourite of many, "West Side Story," in which she took part and looks great, and Thomas, on his work experience, out of which came his remarkable poem which asks many profound questions. Thank you both.

I have written a piece on my most favourite of Saints, the "Apostle to the Apostles," Mary Magdalene, with a poem to her by Malcolm Guite. Jenny has reminisced about the General Synod. Nehar has written about our shared lunch on Sunday and the Soup kitchen. Finally, I have put in some words that resonated strongly with me about what the Church should be for. They are from Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was martyred while preaching at his

church in San Salvador in March 1980. He lived the social, active, gospel caring for the poor and challenging the way they were treated by the government - and paid for it. A man who truly walked in the footsteps of Jesus. I wonder how they speak to you?

With Love and Good Wishes – Sally

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- ✚ **Toddlers Club;**
- ✚ **How We Are;**
- ✚ **Prayers with Kamran;**
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Rooted, built up and reach out - Tony

Our New Testament passage might well be familiar to you. It contains these two verses in it, which form the foundation elements of a para-church organisation called the Navigators. They were founded by Dawson Trotman back in 1930's US as an organisation to help people grow in their faith in Jesus and to be more fruitful for God in their lives. In the 1950's they came over to the UK with the Billy Graham crusades having been asked to help disciple those who came to faith.

Back in 1986, when I moved to London, I met some and was mentored for a time by a navigator. I did a discipleship course called '2:7'. This is the verse - "*rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*" This was the reason for the course- to root us in our faith foundations and to build us up in Jesus with thanksgiving. As part of the course, we memorised verses every week, we dug deeper into Scripture, we learnt how to meditate, share our faith and so on.

So let me remind us of what Paul wrote using NT Wright's translation-

“So, then, just as you received King Jesus as Lord, you must continue your journey in him. 7You must put down healthy roots in him, being built up brick by brick in him, and established strongly in the faith, just as you were taught, with overflowing thankfulness. 8Watch out that nobody uses philosophy and hollow trickery to take you captive! These are in line with human tradition, and with the 'elements of the world' - not the King. 9In him, you see, all the full measure of divinity has taken up bodily residence. 10What's more, you are fulfilled in him since he's the head of all rule and authority.

11 In him, indeed, you were circumcised with a special, new type of circumcision. It isn't something that human hands can do. It is the king's version of circumcision, and it happens when you put off the 'body of flesh': 12 when you're buried with him in baptism, and indeed also raised with him, through faith in the power of the God who raised him from the dead."

This letter to the Colossians is one of a series of letters Paul wrote whilst in prison, most likely for the first time in Rome. I would encourage you to read the whole letter in one go - it takes about 20 to 30 minutes. Indeed, you could read all 4 of them, Ephesians, Philippians, Philemon and this one in under two hours. God will speak to you as you do.

The Bible quite often refers to the believer or a group of believers as a tree, or a vine. Psalm 1 tells us that the person who walks in God's way is like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in season, whose leaves are always green and who prospers in whatever he/she does. Or Jeremiah 17:8 where such a person is said to be one who does not fear the heat when it comes, whose leaves are always green, has no worries when there is a drought and always produces fruit. Likewise, we remember Jesus' parable of the seed and the ground. Remember also the tree of life, in Revelation, of knowledge of good and evil, in Genesis. Remember too the vineyard, which is Israel, in the prophets. In John 15 Jesus reminds us that we need to remain in Him, the vine. Also remember the house built on the solid rock.

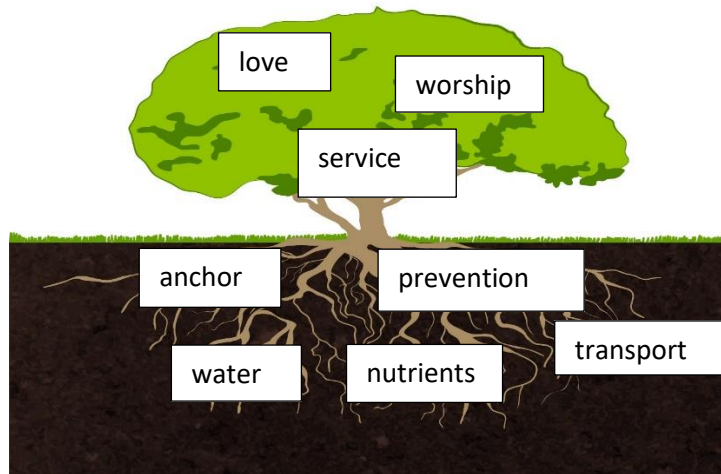
A tree has a number of parts to it - the leaves, the branches, the stem and then the root system. The root system, as you know is all below ground. One may have been taught in school, as I was, that a tree really had one root, called the tap root, that went down deep into the soil. It had others but this was the key one. The storms of 1987 disabused me of this teaching. As you can see the roots of a tree go down and along, mainly in a zone of about 2 metres deep no more, but they spread far and wide but not too deep, as I once thought. They can go across in the earth and be as long as the tree is high.



Two pictures from the aftermath of the 1987 storm

What do tree roots do -

- i. Anchor the plant above fix the plant and support
- ii. Absorb water
- iii. Absorb nutrients mineral salts
- iv. Prevention of soil erosion by holding soil particles together
- v. Transport - take the water and minerals up to the shoot system and take organic food from the top down to the roots



So how does this apply to us.

Notice that we are already rooted in Him, in His gospel and most continue to be so rooted.

Jesus said

*“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,”*

at the start of His mission. The passage in Isaiah 61 continues

*“and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.”*

This passage is important to understanding the mission and why the good news is what it is - on my own and of my own I cannot fulfil this mission, I come short of the mark. This is why I need Jesus, his death and resurrection. That is why I need His Spirit dwelling in me filling me every day.

So the gospel, as Paul set out, and it incorporates the Isaiah passage just read, is this

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me." (1 Cor. 15: 3-8).

Jesus, our Lord, and Saviour, is the One who rescues and saves us from our sin and trespasses: Jesus is one with God, the Father. If He is God and One with God, then I owe my allegiance to Him and Him alone. All the fullness of God the Father dwells in Him and guess what, if we believe Him, in you and me as well, through the Holy Spirit given to us at Pentecost - oh what

a mystery, what life changing power now dwelling in us, knitting us into a kingdom fit for our King. This is why I must remain united to Him and in Him.

We come from many nations, but Jesus binds us together. So, we must now work this out and show the people around us that He is Lord.

The leaves of the tree above ground, that part of me which you see, should show the grace of Jesus, the love of Jesus and the praise of Jesus. All of this is because He is working in my life. He works in us because we spend time in His word, in prayer and worship and in serving others.

So, I am not to be caught up with the prevailing philosophies of the current age. I need nothing more than Jesus. I do not need that tradition which I might think is rooted in the Bible but is actually man made. For example, circumcision- yes, it is in the Bible but whilst it was given as an outward sign to Abraham after he believed God, Moses says to the children of Israel, Abraham's descendants that in fact what matters is the circumcision of the heart. The circumcision I need is the inner one that cuts out all the hardness and makes me gracious - truth tempered by love and love tempered by truth. And the outward sign of that is now meant to be baptism. Or as Paul is to write later in Colossians chapter 2

"Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh." (VI6 to end)

Being in Jesus means that I no longer hold to the worlds thinking - I think like Him. He was, is, full of grace and truth. He told people to leave their lives of sin behind, he showed them a better way of living - the sermon on the mount. He said now that you know me go and sin no more. Are our actions gracious or do they cover up a condemnatory attitude? Do we allow the philosophies of the world to cloud our thinking and attitudes, or do we allow Jesus' word to change our thinking to be like his for in Christ *"there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all."* (Col. 3:11)

What of love. This is not the modern emotional thing it is. It is the servant natured heart willing to die for our brother. You recall Jesus said greater love has no-one but that he lay his life down for his friend and He said we are his friends. The greatest commandment is this that I love the Lord my God, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength, something I am reminded of every Sunday. I will say this if He loves me so I must ask him to give me a heart that loves like he did and does.

And praise! Jesus engages with all of us - our mind, heart and emotions, our body, soul, and spirit. This is why we have the Psalms in the Bible. Most were written by David, a man after God's heart. If we look at David's life, we will know he did many good and bad things, but he

adored Yaweh and worshipped him. He had it in mind to build a place where according to the design given to Moses for worship, people could come to worship. David adored God and God loved him. Do you / I adore Jesus? Do you / I love Him? Remember Peter in John 21, when Jesus asks Peter three times do you love me, and the third time Peter breaks down and crying saying yes, he does. Aside from the juxtaposition of the words used for love in that passage the point is that Peter is cut to the quick, to the marrow. Remember in fact he had already been cut to the quick when he confessed, he did not know Jesus. So, I ask are you / am I overflowing with adoration and praise for Jesus? Does His joy, that inner joy, beauty, fill you / me daily and do others see it? Isaiah says Jesus had no beauty that we should desire him (Is. 53:2) but in fact He is the most beautiful of person who walked this earth. He is full of wisdom, grace, and truth. No one compares to Him.

So, I end with this. We are each a tree and together a tree. We need to feed on the rock of our faith and grow in Him and let him prune us and let him help us to be fruitful. Like a tree this is not a one-minute wonder it is a long process, which depends on our willingness to be pruned by Him, so that what is not of Him is cut out and what is off Him is nurtured and grown. I need to be willing every day to not only study His Word but to meditate on Him and His Word but also daily to respond to Him in love. This is how we are rooted, built up and face outward to draw people to Him, who is the image of the invisible God

West Side Story Production – Elizabeth



“For my Year 6 production we did West Side Story. It was a very fun experience for everyone. The show was very complicated, and the school hadn’t done it for 7 years. The amount of energy and time we all put in made the show even better. It was a great way to end our time at primary school.”

Diocesan Youth Programme Work Experience - Thomas

A few weeks ago, I spent the day at a church in East London, working with the diocese youth programme at a workshop to express Christianity through creativity. We wrote in the morning, and in the afternoon, we filmed and edited our pieces. It was a great opportunity, both learning about the film industry and how to express yourself and communicate effectively. Below is the poem I wrote.

God's love is Truth, by Thomas Y

How do we choose the loving way?
How do we keep falsehood at bay?
How do we keep your commandments each day?
We pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, we love you.
Your son, who came to earth and gave his life, you love us.
Your spirit allows us to love.
Divine trinity, perfect in unity.
It is true you are our creator, but you are so much more,
For,
With each infinitely good, powerful, all-encompassing breath,
You count the hairs on our heads.
Your love is truth.

How do we choose the loving way?
How do we keep falsehood at bay?
How do we keep your commandments each day?
We pray.

Be it heart, mind, soul, or strength.
We devote it all freely to loving you
Yet within this wellspring we can still
Love our neighbour as ourself, and love one another as you
Have loved us: unconditionally.
Through disaster and drought, fire, and flood, you provide
Us with your perfect promise
A rainbow, made for all
Your love is as wide as the sky.

How do we choose the loving way?
How do we keep falsehood at bay?
How do we keep your commandments each day?
We pray.

Truth is within all of us
Together it binds us
And when our perception is imperfect
You see all
You can see into our hearts, know what is true
We ask that all that is false may be cast out by you
For then all that is left will be true-
The everlasting love given to us by you.

How do we choose the loving way?
How do we keep falsehood at bay?
How do we keep your commandments each day?
We pray.

For your love and your truth reside within us
For you guide us each day with the holy spirit
That what was once a thorny crown on your head
Is now a fiery crown on our souls where a piece
Of love and truth reside within us, thanks to your peace.

Mary Magdalene - The Apostle to the Apostles



Mary Magdalene is painting by Giovanni Girolamo Savoldo c.1535-1540, now in the National Gallery,

The feast day of St Mary Magdalene traditionally takes place on 22nd July. She was the first witness to the resurrection and the one Jesus sent out to tell the others that he had risen. Because of this she is known as the “Apostle to the Apostles.” She was a highly honored disciple of Jesus, always there with the other women supporting him in many ways. She is mentioned by name in the New Testament more often than any other woman, save Mary the Mother of Jesus. She is said to have suffered a severe illness, which was called in Luke (8 v1-3) as, possession by “seven demons”, who were cast out by Jesus. From then on, she faithfully followed him. She is one of the most misrepresented women in biblical history as her illness was assumed in the Middle Ages to mean she was a reformed prostitute, on no evidence what-so-ever. It was the mis-interpretation of Pope Gregory the Great (591) who is said to have confused her with the unknown female sinner who anointed the feet of Jesus, identifying that woman's sin as prostitution. This then stuck to Mary and was perpetuated throughout the centuries, ignoring the real evidence and all that she did in her faithfulness and loyalty to Jesus. Standing by at the crucifixion, she stood with the other women to witness and to serve, when it was the men who ran off. It is interesting too that Paul omitted to mention her as the first witness of Jesus’ resurrection – only naming men (1 Cor 15:5). A great deal has been done by many biblical scholars, mainly women, to challenge the slur and falsehoods attributed to her that have added to the accumulation of negativity towards women in the Church down the centuries; women whose Christian insights, gifts and understandings have been denied to their detriment and that of the Church. To many she is also considered to be the Patron Saint of the Marginalized and Excluded, which is why she is my special Saint. With his usual sensitivity Malcolm Guite has written a poem for her.

Mary Magdalene – Malcolm Guite

Men called you light so as to load you down,
And burden you with their own weight of sin,
A woman forced to cover and contain
Those seven devils sent by Everyman.
But one man set you free and took your part
One man knew and loved you to the core
The broken alabaster of your heart
Revealed to Him alone a hidden door,
Into a garden where the fountain sealed,
Could flow at last for him in healing tears,
Till, in another garden, he revealed
The perfect Love that cast out all your fears,
And quickened you with love's own sway and swing,
As light and lovely as the news you bring.



Noli me Tangere- 'Touch me not. '
Fra Angelico 1442

A Taste of the Philippines



Next Sunday on our monthly multi-cultural meeting we are going to be a flavour of the Philippines.

We will have some music and food prepared by our Filipino friends.
Please stay after the service to enjoy a taste of the east!

The Start of the Soup Kitchen – 19 July 2022 - Nehar



Our God certainly has a sense of humour. 😊 Our soup kitchen started on one of the hottest days of the year! So, we decided no hot soup but sandwiches, fruit, and water! With a small band of volunteers, Rose, Nwando, Cynthia and Sheila we made around twelve sandwiches but in the sweltering heat we had only two takers from the table we had set up at the entrance of the church.

By 7pm as no one else had come, Rose had a wonderful idea. She said that we should bag the food and take it to the street where she knew homeless people were to be found. So Rose, Nwando and Cynthia took the bags and managed to give them away. Rose said there were very few people in the usual places – most probably because of the intense heat.

This has given us an idea of taking some of the food to the homeless on the streets, built up relationships and hopefully in the winter months people from the street will come for soup in the church. We will still have some food in the church for those who come there from Homeless Action in Barnet.

Please pray for clarity to know God's will - was He leading us to this dual way of working amongst the Homeless.

With love in Jesus

Jenny at The Church of England General Synod in York: Christian Aid

As many of you know I work for Christian Aid, my focus being to support bishops and other senior church leaders when they use their positions to speak publicly about issues of mutual concern. That's particularly about climate injustice, but currently also includes the impact of the war in Ukraine on the global food crisis and can be about a range of other subjects or country-specific issues depending on the church leader's interests.

Because the Church of England is the biggest of Christian Aid's 41 supporting denominations, and because they have a right to have bishops in the House of Lords with all the access to political processes that that gives, I inevitably spend more of my time working with bishops than leaders of other denominations. It was therefore a great relief, and a great pleasure, to be able to attend the Church of England General Synod in York two weeks ago for the first time in three years, and to meet in person many of the bishops I'd only been in touch with virtually during that period, and some new ones whom I'd never met before. I had some very positive conversations and everyone I talked to was interested in what Christian Aid is doing and saying, and keen to support us in whatever way they can.

General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England. It comprises elected clergy lay members from every English diocese as well as the two archbishops and the diocesan bishops. Its job is to consider and approve legislation affecting the whole of the Church of England, formulate new forms of worship, debate matters of national and international importance, and approve the annual budget for the work of the Church at national level. Much of the agenda wasn't directly (or even indirectly) relevant to Christian Aid's work, but there were two debates on the Friday afternoon which were important for us to observe. The first was on a route map to reach net zero by 2030, which is a commitment made by the General Synod just before Covid struck and will involve all parts of the Church of England, including us, making efforts to contribute towards achieving the target. There was a long debate in which virtually all the speakers supported the roadmap and the target, with only a couple of speakers expressing concern about the cost. That concern was rapidly rebutted by other speakers, who pointed out that the cost (certainly financial, but not only financial) of not meeting the target would be far higher and more devastating – the nettle has to be grasped without any further delay, and the motion was overwhelmingly approved. If you're interested the wording of the motion was:

ROUTEMAP TO NET ZERO CARBON BY 2030

The motion 'That this Synod, having recognised that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation, and a fundamental injustice, and following General Synod's motion passed in February 2020 to plan to reach net zero carbon by 2030: (a) endorse the "Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030" b) request every Diocesan Synod to debate the Routemap as it applies to their structures, parishes and BMOs, and to agree a feasible programme of action towards achieving net zero carbon by 2030; (c) request high energy users within the Church (every cathedral, TEI, school, office and the top 20% of energy consuming churches) to similarly draw up a programme of action, with a clear time frame, based on the Routemap. (d) call on the Environment staff team to report back to Synod on progress against the Routemap in 2025, 2028 and 2031, and for reports on the Church's carbon emissions every year.' was moved.

It was very encouraging to see such a large majority reaffirm the Church of England's commitment to its net zero target: it's a challenge to the church as a whole and specifically to us at Golders Green – but together we can do it!

The other debate, also on the Friday afternoon, was on the war in Ukraine. A very interesting and wide-ranging discussion paper had been produced ahead of the debate, which included an annex describing how Christian Aid is spending its share of the money received so far from the DEC appeal. It prompted a lively debate which although highlighting some small differences of emphasis resulted in a virtually unanimous vote in favour of the motion. This was the final wording of the motion:

'That this Synod, committed in Christ to support peacemakers and to work for the reconciliation of humanity to God in a world marked by division and conflict:

a) lament Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, the suffering and terror experienced by Ukrainians and the repercussions and anxiety felt globally for our common future;

b) urge all Christians and people of faith to pray that the war in Ukraine be ended justly, that the risk of strategic miscalculation between conflicting parties be avoided and that the Russian people find respite from an authoritarian government;

c) call on each diocese and each parish to work towards providing long term refuge and hospitality to refugees from Ukraine and other conflicts and forms of danger, and to contribute to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Appeal or the appeal organised by USPG and the Diocese in Europe;

d) call on Her Majesty's Government to work to secure a negotiated peace that provides for the flourishing of relations in Ukraine and between nations in Europe and to provide a generous response to those seeking refuge from the conflict.'

Given that much of General Synod's business is inevitably, and rightly, about internal issues, it was good to observe these two debates and see how seriously engaged Synod members are in major global issues. If anyone would like to read the net zero routemap or the Ukraine discussion paper, here are the links:

[GS 2258 Routemap to Net Zero Carbon.pdf \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

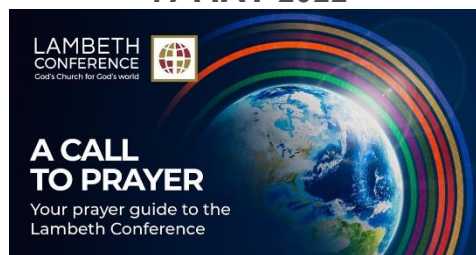
[GS 2259 War in Ukraine.pdf \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

And if you'd like to have a chat about any of this, I'd be delighted to hear from you!!

Archbishop Welby asks: Please pray for the Lambeth Conference

BY [HATTIE WILLIAMS](#)

19 MAY 2022



The **ATHE Archbishop of Canterbury** has asked people to pray for the forthcoming **Lambeth Conference**, which meets for 12 days in Canterbury, starting on 26 July.

During this, the 15th conference (delayed for two years by the pandemic), bishops from around the Anglican Communion will meet to pray and discuss key issues for the global Church, including mission and evangelism, peace and reconciliation, the environment and sustainable development, discipleship, and interfaith relations. Archbishop Welby has said that he does not want sexuality to dominate the agenda.

He has invited people to pray for the conference. "The Lambeth Conference theme of 'God's Church for God's World,' reminds us that we are called upon as Christians to pray for the needs of the world," he said. "There are many calls upon our prayers at this time: world peace, the global climate crisis, the effects of the pandemic — to name but a few.

"I invite you to call all those in your care to pray for the Lambeth Conference. Please pray that as we meet and consider our shared mission and ministry, we may hear the call from God. In turn, that we might add our voices to call others to make a difference for Christ in the world."

Anglicans are invited to devote a day to prayer on Trinity Sunday, 12 June.

Brother Christopher John SSF, the Minister General of the Anglican Franciscan Order, is part of the Lambeth Conference chaplaincy team. He has created a prayer guide for the gathering to be used by Anglican communities around the world. The guide has a different prayer for each day of the conference.

He said: "This prayer guide has contributions from religious communities in Europe, Africa, Oceania, the Americas, and Asia. Through the prayer guide we hope that the prayers we share here will encourage all who use it to unite in prayer for the bishops gathered in the Lambeth Conference." [The prayer guide can be downloaded here.](#)

Words from Archbishop Oscar Romero asking, "What is the Church for?"

"A church that doesn't provoke any crisis, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a Word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, what kind of gospel is that? Preachers who avoid every thorny matter so as not to be harassed do not light up the world."

How We Are

We continue to pray as we always do for all who have been unwell, suffering from Covid and other illnesses; for those who have recovered and are so grateful for it. Pray that all may gain in strength and good health as well as those who are grieving because of a loss of a loved one. We hold them close to us.

It would be so good if you could continue to let each of us know, either by **WhatsApp**, **phone: 020 8455 1873** or **email: Jennifer@gg-pc.co.uk** about anyone who is not well, bereaved or would appreciate our prayers during August. It is so important we remember and pray for each other.

The Toddler Group Update:

The Toddler Group has now closed for the Summer.

We have enjoyed seeing families come through the doors of the toddler group having fun, laughter & messy play.

Come September, we will need more volunteers to help if possible. Two hours a month on a Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am will be great. Please contact the office for more info.

We will **reopen on Tuesday 6 September** and hope to see many of you then.

Have a good Summer.

The Toddler Group Team

Prayers with Kamran

- ❖ from Mondays to Thursdays, Kamran will be in church at 9.00am for a short time of prayer with anyone who would like to join him. This does not have to be compulsory; you are welcome to stay home and pray for the church and the parish each day for 15-20 minutes;
- ❖ he will also be in church each day for those who would like to visit and talk with him. Please consider making an appointment to ensure that he will be available to meet with you;
- ❖ Wednesday evening prayer time takes place in church at 7.00pm The prayer meeting will take place both in person and via Zoom. Please see the link below.

Topic: Church Wardens' Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8585545365?pwd=em85aDF5ZmJ5ZkVlb0xDaDhY2paUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 554 5365

Passcode: J4FbKf

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+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 858 554 5365

Passcode: 400416

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aemYT2p1YY>

Songs of Worship:

[Amen - HTB Worship](#)

<https://youtu.be/IU9HiM6S0mk>

[Promises - HTB Worship - HTB at Home](#)

<https://youtu.be/-NMn7JIE81Q>

The Parish of Golders Green

Parish Notices: 24/07/2022

Sunday Service: 10 am - After the service, Prayer ministry is available for anyone who wishes to receive prayers.

Weekday Events – Mid-week Communion Service. We are hoping to restart the midweek Communion Service and Bible study soon. Please keep this in your prayers.

PCC Meeting on Sunday 24 July at 12 pm. Pray for all PCC Members.

The Soup Kitchen started on 19 July. Please keep in your prayers.

Bring & Share on Sunday 31 July will take place straight after the service. All welcome to bring a dish to share. Contact the office for more info.

South Asian Monthly Service – started on Sunday 17 July at 4 pm and will be held every third Sunday of the month.

The Toddler Group - has now closed for the summer and will reopen on Tuesday 6 September. Volunteers wishing to help in September should contact the office.

Prayers for the Church ministry and mission:

Please pray for the Senior Circle about to start soon. The Soup Kitchen starting in July. For the ongoing Church Maintenance issues. Pray for the Church Choir, Children Ministry & The Toddler Group and for the Mission of the Church.

For your prayers:

Please continue to prayer for Mike Houghton, Eunice, Margaret & Sally for God's healing. Please also prayer for all those who are grieving for their loved ones, especially for Ann and Gideon, and for Festus, Fiona, Kelechi, and the entire family.

Rota for Sunday 31 July:

Reader: Friday

Hospitality: Sally

Intercession: Nwadi

AV Desk: Shaniv

Contact details:

Parish Priest: Revd Kamran Bhatti

Office Tel: 020 8455 1873,

Website: www.gg-pc.co.uk

Golders Green Church Rota August to October 2022

Date	Reading	Readers	Intercession	Hospitality/ Steward	AV (Audio Visual) Desk
07/08/2022	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Naila	Rose	Sheila	Shaniv
14/08/2022	Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Tatyanna	Annie	Nwando	Tony
21/08/2022	Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Ifeyinwe	Sally	Naila	Shaniv
28/08/2022	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	Alexis	Jenny	Silvia	Thomas
04/09/2022	Philemon 1:1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Tim	Nwando	Sally	Tony
11/09/2022	1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Silvia	Naila	Sheila	Shaniv
18/09/2022	1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Sheila	Nehar	Nwando	Thomas
25/09/2022	1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31	Abi	Nwadi	Sally	Tony
02/10/2022	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	Thomas	Rose	Naila	Shaniv
09/10/2022	2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Sam	Annie	Silvia	Thomas
16/10/2022	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Cynthia	Sally	Sheila	Tony
23/10/2022	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Friday	Jenny	Nwando	Shaniv
30/10/2022	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10	tbc	Nwando	Silvia	tbc

TODDLER GROUP

@ GOLDERS GREEN CHURCH



Meet weekly on
Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am/Term Time Only

£3.00 Entrance Fee

Held in the church

More details contact the office

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Tuesday 6 September 2022

If you're looking for online prayer and worship opportunities, here are some suggestions:

Daily worship:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online>: including

- Prayer for the day
- Services of daily prayer
- Time to pray app and podcast

<https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/whats-on/?category=204> livestreamed daily services and some one-off services on particular themes and issues.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/> Pray as you Go (a short service each day in the Jesuit Tradition)

The following links take you to prayers and reflections on particular themes:

Covid: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

Mental health: some short reflections to support good mental health:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/mental-health-resources/supporting-good-mental-health>

Ukraine: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

Climate justice: www.climatesunday.org

Environmental issues: <https://arocha.org.uk/prayer-diary/>

The world's poorest communities and those affected by emergencies and conflict:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/faith-resources/prayer-library>

The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) offers a series of prayer journeys which you can sign up to here: <https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/prayer-journeys/>

Daily Bible readings:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/daily-bible-readings>

LICC also offer e-mailed '**Word for the Week**' each Monday. You can sign up here:

<https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/word-for-the-week/>